

December 1, 2008

To:

All Market Milk Producers Located in State Established Milk Inspection Areas

Subject:

Change in State Dairy Farm Inspection Fees

Due to increasing costs of performing market milk dairy farm inspection and sampling activities, the Department is increasing the dairy farm inspection fee.

Effective January 1, 2009, inspection fees for each market milk dairy farm will be increased from the rate of \$0.00875 mils to \$0.009 mils per gallon on the first 45,000 gallons of milk sold during each quarter-year period (maximum \$405 per quarter). This amounts to a maximum increase of \$11.25 per quarter compared to the current rate. Fees collected at the new rate during the quarter-year period of January 1 to March 31, 2009 will be due and payable April 1, 2009.

Questions regarding collection procedures may be directed to me at (916) 654-0773 or to our closest Regional Office at the numbers below:

Fresno Regional Office: Oakland Regional Office:

Phone - (559) 445-5506, Fax - (559) 445-5509 Phone - (510) 622-4810, Fax - (510) 622-4808

Ontario Regional Office: Stockton Regional Office:

Phone - (909) 923-9929, Fax - (909) 429-1288 Phone - (209) 466-7186. Fax - (209) 466-1738

Sincerely,

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